

Bosek Replacement Welcomed Aboard

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TEMPLE TERRACE - The city's new redevelopment director came onboard Monday.

Michael Marshall will oversee the \$45 million downtown revitalization project that is to include 20.36 acres of retail, residential, restaurant, office and civic/cultural components southeast of Bullard Parkway and 56th Street. The property is the site of two antiquated shopping plazas.

He replaces Ralph Bosek, who steps down Friday after serving in the position for almost five years.

"Everyone on the staff has been great," said Marshall, a resident of Oldsmar.

The 41-year-old native of St. Petersburg has been involved in several other large-scale projects, most recently working for Bank of America in managing the redevelopment of Central Park Village, a \$500 million undertaking north of downtown Tampa.

He also has served as manager for other multimillion-dollar development projects in St. Petersburg and Clearwater and oversaw Pinellas County's housing development department.

"I love seeing something taken from a disadvantaged state and watching it be turned around," Marshall said. "It's also nice to know your work is making a difference in the community."

Marshall earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science at the University of South Florida in 1990 and a master's degree in urban and regional planning in 1994 from the University of Florida.

He has had his eye on the Temple Terrace redevelopment project for some time and is pleased it will incorporate New Urbanism design elements.

"It's a challenging project, but I look forward to the challenge," Marshall said.

Temple Terrace City Manager Kim Leinbach said he received 40 applications for the position. In turn, he selected a panel of three staff members who recommended the person who its findings suggested had the best credentials to lead the city forward in its redevelopment effort. "He comes to us with a lot of experience both in the private sector and on a corporate level," Leinbach said. "He's well-rounded and very well-suited for the job."